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	10/501,725	GRUHN ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2007.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-13, 15 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 6-13, 15 and 16 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

Art Unit: 2857

1. Applicant cancelled claims 1-5, 14 and 17.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 6-13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Reid et al. (U.S. 6,298,308).

As per claims 6 and 12, Reid et al. teach an acquisition unit remote from at least one of the stationary power stations for collecting measurement data detected by sensors in the power stations (see col. 2, lines 34-44 and col. 4, line 63 to col. 5, line 21); a diagnostics unit connected to the acquisition unit for classification of operating states of the power stations that are represented by the measurement data (see col. 9, line 44 to col. 10, line 10) a memory unit connected to the acquisition unit and the local diagnostics unit and the measurement data is centrally stored in the memory unit (see col. 5, lines 1-21); and a server unit connected to the memory unit that generates machine-readable data based on an HTML language (see col. 5, lines 59-65).

As per claim 7, Reid et al. further teach that portions of the machine-readable data are generated while a connection is established to the server unit of the

diagnostics system by at least one client computer via a communications link by an Internet browser installed on the client computer and the parts of the machine-readable data are requested by the client computer (see col. 6, lines 15-30).

As per claim 8, Reid et al. further teach that the machine-readable data is transferred from the server unit to the client computer by the TCP/IP protocol via the communications link that includes an intranet and/or the Internet (see col. 5, lines 50-65 and col. 9, lines 25-43).

As per claim 9, Reid et al. further teach that a dynamic operating and/or monitoring interface of the diagnostics system is formed by the machine-readable data (see col. 6, lines 40-67).

As per claims 10, 11, 13 and 16, Reid et al. further teach that the machine-readable data comprise HTML pages that are stored as pre-prepared, static data in a memory unit of the diagnostics system and are generated dynamically by the server unit by combining a page generation code and at least part of the measurement data stored in the memory unit (see col. 6, lines 15-40).

As per claim 15, Reid et al. further teach that the measurement data from at least one of the power stations is transferred to the memory unit if there has been a change in an operating state of a power station concerned (see col. 6, lines 41-67 and col. 7, lines 1-22).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6-13, 15 and 16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Contact information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohamed Charioui whose telephone number is (571) 272-2213. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S Hoff can be reached on (571) 272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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